## The House of Education,

AMBLESIDE.

"For the Children's Sake."

## PATRONESSES:

The Duchess of Portland. The Hon. Lady Welby. The Marchioness of Granby. The Lady Mary Wood. The Marchioness of Stafford. The Lady Hastings. The Countess of Erroll. The Lady Kinnaird. The Countess of Northesk. Mrs. Boyd Carpenter. The Countess of Aberdeen. Mrs. Carus-Wilson. The Countess of Dudley. Mrs. Dallas-Yorke. The Lady Margaret Graham. Mrs. Gordon. The Lady Cicely Gathorne Hardy. Mrs. Grenfell. The Viscountess of Folkestone. Mrs. Schofield. The Viscountess of Newport. Mrs. Steinthal. The Lady Alice Archer Houblon.

PRINCIPAL: MISS CHARLOTTE M. MASON,

(Author of Home Education).

In addition to the staff of duly qualified Instructors, ladies and gentlemen, specialists in their several subjects, are good enough to volunteer their aid for (honorary) lectures, weekly, or at longer intervals.

The Object of the House of Education is to provide for Women a special Training in the knowledge and the principles which belong to their peculiar work, namely, the *Bringing-up of Children*.

(ADVANCE PROOF.)

It is needless to enlarge on the value of training in giving impulse and direction as well as knowledge and power; and a year's work on special lines should be of incalculable service not only to future mothers, but to all women, whose natural function it is to have the care of children.

The Students of the House of Education are:

- (a) Ladies (young ladies especially) who undergo training to enable them to fulfil the more intelligently the calling of motherhood, or other guardianship of children to which they may be called. These need pass no preliminary examination.
- (b) Ladies who are, or who wish to become, governesses to older children. These should hold certificates of attainments. They will gain at the House of Education knowledge of the principles of Charactertraining, of the laws of Health and Physical Development, etc., etc.
- (c) "Tante." \* Ladies who wish to become Governesses to young children.

Certificates, signed by the authorities of the House of Education, will be awarded to successful Students at the close of the year's Training.

Students may enter at the beginning of either term.

Training Fee for the year, £10. A low fee is fixed that no lover of children need be shut out by the cost of training.

A responsible lady takes supervision of each Boarding House. Board and Lodgings £35 or £55 a year, according as a student has a room to herself or shares it with another.

The House of Education is not under one roof. The Building containing lecture hall and class-rooms is distinct from the Boarding-houses.

The House of Education Certificate guarantees that a Student possesses:

- 1. Knowledge of human physiology and of nursing, such as will fit her to take intelligent care of children in health, and to give intelligent help in sickness.
- 2. Knowledge of the principles of Education (as they are sketched out in *Home Education*, Kegan Paul & Co.)
- 3. Knowledge of the "nature-lore" children should possess.
- 4. Knowledge of the subjects of instruction proper for children, and of the right method and order of teaching each.

The House of Education Certificate will be awarded only when the Student shows herself possessed of the—to adapt a phrase—enthusiasm of childhood, which makes all work of teaching and training heart-service done for God.

There are two terms in the Year of Training:

The "Long Term," from the middle of January till the beginning of July.

The "SHORT TERM," from the end of September till near Christmas.

The interest felt in this movement is so wide-spread that it will probably not be possible to supply the demand for Governesses at the end of our first year's work (Dec. 1892). Earnest and well-bred young people who are looking out for good work are entreated to offer themselves for training. The need of devoted co-workers in their labour of love is grievously felt by Mothers, especially by some of those of the upper classes whose engagements press heavily upon them.

APPLY TO THE SECRETARY,

HOUSE OF EDUCATION,

AMBLESIDE.

<sup>\*</sup> German, with two syllables, 'a' as in 'aunt,' and 'e' as in 'slipper.' See description in Parents' Review for September, 1891.

<sup>†</sup> Mrs. Gordon, 61, Princes Gate, S.W., will interview intending Students for whom London is a convenient centre.

## Parents' National Educational Union.

Founder—Charlotte M. Mason.

Chairman of Executive—The Rev. H. Costley-White.

Hon. Organising Secretary—The Hon. Mrs. Franklin.

Address—26, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

P.N.E.U. Associates among Parents of Children attending Public Elementary Schools, working in the Parents' Union School.

Associates' Subscription, 2/6\* a year, to include both heads of the household. This will be used by the Executive Committee to defray cost of magazine, pamphlets, library books, lectures, and postage.

The starting of a Group of Associates such as these shall be done at the request of the Head of the School, and the membership shall be confined to the parents of that school and of any other the Head may invite.

The Hon. Secretary of the Group shall be this teacher or anyone appointed by him or her. The arrangements shall be in their hands.

It is suggested that addresses should be arranged on "Parents' Union School" methods and principles, on the use of books, picture talks, the training of children, their physical care, habit-formation, etc., etc. Nature rambles could also be organised. "Home Education" and other publications of the P.N.E.U. should be found useful for such talks.

The Executive Committee will be prepared to send lecturers when desired.

One copy of "Home Education" will be supplied to each centre as well as such other books and pamphlets as may be found desirable.

One copy of the "Parents' Review" for every six Associates will be sent to the Head of the Group to be circulated.

<sup>\*</sup>To be sent to the General Secretary, P.N.E.U., 26, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, by the Head of the Group.